

House Resolution No. 1775

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Cecilia A. Nadal of Saint Louis has attained considerable distinction as a civic leader, a community activist, a businessperson, and the founder of Gitana Productions; and

Whereas, Cecilia Nadal recently enhanced her already impressive record of achievement when she was nominated for the prestigious DeVerne Lee Calloway Award which is given annually by the Women Legislators of Missouri organization in honor of Missouri's first African-American woman state representative; and

Whereas, the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award is presented to a Missouri woman whose commitment and determination have resulted in highly positive contributions to equality and social justice by furthering legislation related to equal opportunities for all Missourians in education, housing, employment, and other important aspects of society; and

Whereas, Cecilia Nadal is the owner of Productive Futures, Incorporated, which provides employment and training to economically and socially disadvantaged citizens of Saint Louis as well as recent immigrants from such countries as Bosnia, Ethiopia, Vietnam, Columbia, and Haiti; and

Whereas, a published poet and an avid arts enthusiast, Cecilia Nadal founded Gitana Productions in 1996, since which time she has been active in honoring Saint Louisans who perform humanitarian actions without regard to race, nationality, or culture and in bringing cultural exchanges to the area through the "Faces of Love" series of musical events:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved nomination of Cecilia Nadal for the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Cecilia A. Nadal of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Sharon Sanders Brooks
District No. 37

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1775, adopted April 4, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker